

VOTING REMINDER: Plenary Secretary and ByLaw Ballot Closes Today

The polls for the election of Plenary Secretary and the recent proposed changes to our charter will be closing at 5 PM Eastern Time on today, Friday, April 6th. The number of votes to date is low and besides needing to meet quorum, your vote is also needed to maintain your voting rights going forward.

Please vote using the links below or go to <http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGIPMembersList> to look up your organization and contact your Voting Representative to make sure that your organization shows up to be counted.

The special election for Plenary Secretary has three candidates on the ballot:

- Karlton G. Fredebeil, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Gregory Obenchain, Edison Electric Institute
- Tobin Richardson, ZigBee Alliance

The Plenary Secretary election is combined with proposed changes to the SGIP Charter and ByLaws. **Voting closes TODAY Friday, April 6 at 5pm Eastern.** Voting Representatives of Participating Members in good standing please be sure you vote (a failure to vote may result in a loss of Voting Rights). Voting results will be announced in next week.

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ATTENTION CATEGORY 13 MEMBERS!

The Candidate Evaluation Committee has completed their vetting of the nominees. [You can read their background here.](#) There are four candidates:

- James P. Fama, Edison Electric Institute
- Barry Haaser, Lakeview Group
- Bob Heile, ZigBee Alliance
- Sam Sciacca, SCS Consulting

On April 10th, the vote to elect a new Governing Board Member of Category 13: Professional Societies, Users Groups, Trade Associations and Industry Consortia will open. An email notice will be sent to the Voting Representatives of Participating Member organization of good standing in Category 13.



2012 SGIP RECOGNITION RECIPIENT: Julie Black

As the Vehicle-to-Grid DEWG "Vehicle as Grid Resource" Subgroup Chair, Julie led an examination of the potential use of plug-in electric vehicles to provide ancillary services. This included the study of opportunities for different vehicle types to provide aggregation services and ensure a variety of perspectives are presented including OEMs, grid operators and software developers. The team deliverables included a set of presentations and papers. Julie is synchronizing her efforts with the Distributed Renewables Generation Storage DEWG to accelerate the results of the V2G Subgroup work. *She was presented with the SGIP Certificate of Appreciation in March 2012.*

KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES RECOGNITION?

SPECIAL REPORT: SGTCC Hits Its Stride in Charlotte

As the SGIP enters its third year, strong evidence of the organization's evolution and progress was on display at the recent face-to-face meetings of the Smart Grid Testing and Certification Committee (SGTCC). Because the process of testing and certification necessarily takes place after standards are developed, the work and visibility of this committee have been building momentum as some of the PAPs complete their assignments and are closed. As SGTCC members

arrived in Charlotte last month, they found themselves digging into a very full agenda, with meetings slated for nearly every available time slot.

According to Rik Drummond, SGTCC Chair, one highlight of this busy week was a March 21 workshop that brought together representatives from Interoperability Testing and Certification Authorities (ITCAs) and accrediting organizations for test labs and certification bodies. The goal of the workshop, conducted with a panel format, was to make introductions between ITCAs and accrediting organizations in order to promote collaboration and provide a forum for dialogue on questions and issues related to implementation of the SGTCC Interoperability Process Reference Manual (IPRM).

Drummond said, “To make the IPRM a reality, the committed participation of the international accrediting authorities is required. Their attendance at this meeting was a significant milestone for the generic availability of certified high quality products in the North American electric power grid.”

Panelists included representatives from the following testing labs and accrediting organizations:

- A2LA
- ACLASS
- ANSI
- L-A-B
- PJLA

Also on the panel were representatives from the following ITCAs:

- Multispeak
- OpenADR
- UCA

In a wide-ranging discussion, panelists touched on topics ranging from the development of a certification scheme and testing criteria to the important role that business decisions (between ITCAs and the labs) will play for different standards.

Summarizing the meeting, Dean Prochaska, NIST, who serves as SGTCC Vice Chair, said, “This session was an important step forward. We reached an agreement to continue the dialogue and collaborate in developing a standardized approach to verifying an ITCA’s implementation of the SGTCC IPRM recommendations. The session was very well received by all participants, with many requesting that we organize more of these at future events.”

In order to gain experience in this process, the SGTCC identified and began a new work activity to support development of the Green Button ITCA, which will be the UCAiug. Lessons learned from this activity will be shared with other ITCAs as they move ahead with implementing the SGTCC IPRM.

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As part of our effort to better serve our members, SGIP is conducting a survey.
Please **take just 5 minutes today** to complete this short online survey.
Your input will serve as a valuable guide to how we plan activities and will be deeply appreciated!

Head to Survey: <https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/1410964/205029519/c43142daec/>

Survey will close on April 30, 2012.

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